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BRIGHT FUTURE FOR CLAY

West Kentucky Coal Company Preparing to Expend \$300,000 at Clay.

The operations to be conducted by the West Kentucky Coal Co. at and near the town of Clay, in Webster county, presage a great development for that place, says the Madisonville Hustler.

Recently the West Kentucky Co. has commenced working its Caney Fork mines situated about one mile from Clay. New entries are being driven and additional force put to work as rapidly as they can be used. They will be made one of the principal mines of the company.

A new opening will be made near the M. & A. railroad and it is understood that both veins of coal will be worked. A great steel tippie will be erected at this mine and the latest appliances in mining architecture will be installed in every department.

A railroad line is being surveyed from this tippie to Caseyville where a great tippie will be erected, suitable for loading coal on barges. This railroad will leave the M. & A. at a point where the new opening will be made, will intersect Wheatcroft's railroad about two miles from Clay and touch the Ohio river at Caseyville.

It is understood and everything points that way, that Clay will be the headquarters of the company. Mr. C. J. Bucher, who was formerly the general manager of the company, and who is familiar with all their plans, has paid fancy prices for three or four hundred acres of ground adjacent to Clay and is now surveying a town site on this property, about three quarters of a mile from Clay, evidently preparing to build a large number of houses in order to accommodate the people who will have to have houses when the work opens, which will be early next spring, if not this fall. Of course the influx of people will increase as the work progresses.

It is reliably reported from inside sources that the West Kentucky will expend about \$300,000 in opening new mines and building this new railroad to Caseyville.

All of this is bound to have a great effect upon the town of Clay. Clay has a good graded school and people are moving in there to get the school advantages.

The West Kentucky Coal Co. has made drillings in various places over the coal field near Clay, consisting of about 4,000 acres, and in every instance the coal was found to be regular and as fine as is taken out in Western Kentucky.

The mines of the Blackwell Co. at their new opening near Clay on the M. & A. are now in operation and the coal is of fine quality. New men are put to work as fast as entries can be driven, and in another year, extensive output will be made.

The Diamond Mines being opened by F. M. Baker, about three miles this side of Clay on the M. & A., will soon be in shape for business on a considerable scale.—Henderson Gleaner.

Richard Mansfield Dead.

The poet is born, not made, that is an old axiom which most of us remember from the early days of our scholastic training. The poet is born—but where and when, and under what circumstances? The great Republic, which borders all the zones and touches all the planets; whose population is a happy and a haphazard mixture of all the nationalities; has in the nature of things, produced very few poets. And of those few one is lying dead to-day.

Richard Mansfield, of parentage

characteristically conglomerate, part American, part German, and wholly Jew; handicapped by physical disability, depressed by shortness of stature, shortness of sight, shortness of memory; driven to the most blatant arts of advertising to get a decent hearing; laughed at and ridiculed as a quack, a charlatan, a mountebank; a mouthing monument of self-conceit; decried and denied as an artist; he who, Belasco alone excepted, was the most consummate and most complete embodiment of the art of acting and of stage management ever known this side the Atlantic, is dead. It so happens that the death of Richard Mansfield strikes the American stage at a critical hour. This is the day of notoriety, and not of deserts; this is the day when the Florodora sextet with Nan Patterson at its head, is a better investment than Wilkes Booth, or Irving, or Mansfield. This is the day when the glimmer and the sheen of the silk stockings outweigh the intellectual quality of a Sothern or a Phillips.

It is not easy to realize that Mansfield is dead; it is not easy to face the prospect of an American stage given over to the tender mercies of a Klaw-Balanger syndicate, and a nickelodeon outfit. The debt the American lover of art owes to the despised discredited German Jew, whose funeral will be signalized by tributes from the world of art the world over, cannot be conveyed in a few words. Richard Mansfield was an artist, an actor and a creator, consummate and perfect in each of his several manifestations, fretful and peevish when the petty trivialities of life oppressed him, but always and everywhere a gentleman, a genius, and an artist. Who will take his place?—Henderson Journal.

Courier-Journal Office Burned.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 30.—The building of the Courier-Journal and Times at Fourth and Green streets was completely gutted by fire, which started in the elevator shaft at 1 o'clock this morning, just as the last forces were going in for the first edition of the Courier.

The flames spread with great rapidity, the printers being compelled to rush from the composing room just two minutes before a heavy sky light crashed in.

The reportorial and editorial forces continued steadily at work until the flames compelled them to leave.

The Herald and Post placed their plants at the Courier-Journal's disposal and the paper was issued from the Herald plant, the two appearing simultaneously.

This is the first time in 40 years the Courier-Journal has been without its own plant, but it kept up its record on unbroken publication.

The Times was issued from the Herald plant.

The walls of the building are intact, but the interior is gutted. The presses, linotype machines and other mechanical equipment are thought to have escaped with comparatively small damage, however. They were covered with tarpalins.

The statue of Geo. D. Prentice, for years a landmark, also escaped unhurt.

The stores in the building were practically burned out, as were the numerous offices.

It is hard to estimate the loss at present, but it is placed at \$200,000 and may go higher.

The building will be restored or reconstructed immediately.

Force Negroes to Work at Evansville.

Evansville, Ind., Aug. 31.—Mayor Boehne yesterday issued orders to the police to arrest all vagrant negroes who have no visible means of support. Since the recent orders of the authorities of Louisville chasing all vagrant negroes out of town, many of them have come here. Mayor Boehne proposes to rigidly enforce the vagrant ordinance here, and all negroes here will be forced to work.

MARION AND VICINITY VISITED BY STORM.

Wind, Hail and Rain Vie With Thunder and Lightning In a Storm Seldom If Ever Equalled In this City—Considerable Damage Reported from Other Places.

This city was visited Monday afternoon by one of the worst storms that has struck this locality for years. The day, from early morning, had been excessively hot. The elements seemed perfectly at rest. Scarcely a breeze stirred, and the sun shone down with merciless intensity on the perspiring heads of the just and the unjust alike.

Late in the afternoon a cloud gathered in the west and rose up toward the city, accompanied by a remarkable display of electricity. Out of the blackness of the cloud lurid streaks of lightning shot athwart the sky in every direction, followed by muttering peals of thunder. It was an angry, ugly-looking cloud, dark, and seemed bent on mischief. Yet, as it approached the city it was watched by the more stout-hearted—not, however, without a shaky feeling about the knees—as a possible relief from the excessive heat.

At about 5:30 the storm struck the town in full force and the accompanying elements—wind, rain, hail, lightning and thunder—seemed to vie with other to see which could do the greatest damage in the least time. The wind, with almost cyclonic proportions, dashed and whirled and raged, the rain poured down in torrents, and the lightning and thunder were almost blinding and deafening.

The storm lasted for perhaps half an hour and though considerable damage was done, nothing serious was the result. Some of the telephones and electric lights were put out of use for a time, but were in good working order again Tuesday night. The lightning struck a chimney of the residence of Mr. John Pickens and also ran down the flue and converted his cook stove pipe into scrap iron. It also struck two large oak trees in the yard of Mr. R. W. Wilson, trees that had withstood the storms of centuries, perhaps, and rent them from top to bottom. At the residence of Mr. John Moore a window on an upper room had been left open, and the room was flooded, covering the beds with water and considerably damaging the furniture. At McConnell & Stone's store the skylight of heaviest glass was shattered and had not all hands worked heroically the entire store would have been flooded. Crooked creek was out of its banks and impassable several hours. Numerous reports have come in of delays in reaching home after the storm, but no casualties have been reported.

Echoes of Monday's Storm.

Paducah, Ky., Sept. 2.—Without warning the American Express Company building collapsed at 5:10 this afternoon. A. F. Ingersoll, agent for the American Express Company, was caught in the debris and it required more than two hours to dig him out. He is not badly injured. Three other attaches of the office escaped uninjured.

The wharfbow and several steamers were also blown from their moorings with but little damage.

A severe electrical storm Monday afternoon did considerable damage Southeast of here. Two barns belonging to Mrs. Fannie Campbell, who lives about five miles from this city, were destroyed. The lightning struck the south barn and the other being close by caught fire and both, together with their contents, were burned to the ground. Three horses

were killed and a lot of hay, corn, farming implements, etc., destroyed. The loss amounted to about \$1500 with \$1000 insurance.

The same afternoon Dock Holman's residence near Sulphur Springs was struck by lightning. Members of the family were stunned by the shock, and several window panes were broken out, but the house did catch fire.—Morganfield Sun.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Sept. 2.—Quite a severe wind and hail storm passed through the northern section of Caldwell county a few days ago. What is known as the "Ridge Section" of the county suffered most, the hail doing much injury to the tobacco crop, which was nearing maturity, and in the broad and heavy leaves of which the hail stones tore gaping holes. Damage from hail is reported from other sections of the county. In addition to the hail a heavy windstorm uprooted trees, blew down fences and corn, while the tobacco which escaped the hail was thus destroyed, it being estimated that probably one-third of the crop was ruined in this manner. The storm is said to have covered a narrow scope, probably not more than 300 yards wide, but everything in its wake was damaged.

Evansville, Ind., Sept. 2.—During a storm this afternoon lightning struck the home of Mrs. Henry Doer and the building was badly injured. Mrs. Doer was unconscious from the shock for several hours and is in a serious condition. Several of the other members of the household were stunned by the bolt.

Vincennes, Ind., Sept. 2.—River Duches in lower Knox county was cyclone swept this afternoon. Every building except a barn and two large orchards were demolished on the farms of W. R. Trimble and Harry Hall.

Other farms suffered but the extent of the damage cannot be learned as telephone lines are down.

It is believed much live stock has been killed.

Dr. C. S. Bryan, of Vincennes, had a narrow escape from flying debris while driving past the Trimble farm.

Household Articles from Corn.

Realizing the importance of teaching women how to utilize corn to every possible advantage in the home, the National Corn Exposition (Coliseum Building, Chicago, October, 5 to 19) will present an exhibit of household articles made from different parts of the corn, particularly corn husks, stalks and tassels. This department has been placed in charge of Mrs. T. V. Morse, president of the Art Crafts Institute, Republic Building, Chicago. Mrs. Morse proposes to make an exhibit of rugs,

portiers, table covers, mats, picture frames, etc., made from the corn plant. Not only will she do this, but she will, upon request from now on until the Exposition opens, give directions and suggest designs for making these articles. The Corn Exposition realizes that many articles for making the home more attractive and comfortable can be easily made from the material at hand. Many women do not know how to do this.

It is the idea of this exhibit to teach women how these articles can be made. Mrs. Morse desires to create an interest in this work, and to get the women of the country to prepare an exhibit of articles of this character. To do this, application should be made at once to Mrs. Morse for instructions; then work should be started without delay.

The articles prepared for this exhibit should be sent by express, prepaid, to the National Corn Exposition, Coliseum Building, Chicago, to arrive not later than October 3rd. There will be no entry fee, and Mrs. Morse is planning to offer prizes for the best exhibits. This is a splendid opportunity for the women of the country to become familiar with work of this kind.

Missionary Day at Caldwell Spring.

A large crowd gathered at this beautiful grove Sunday, Sept. 1. Eld. W. R. Gibbs was with us and preached to the delight and profit of all who heard him. After this the congregation came forward with their offerings for Missions. A great advance was made over previous offerings, and the people seemed to feel "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

A sumptuous feast was spread in the grove and friends and loved ones renewed "the tie that binds."

In the afternoon the congregation joined in singing and praise meeting and many felt refreshing showers from the presence of the Lord.

R. A. L.

Cost Youth A Foot.

Glasgow, Ky., Sept. 2.—John Alexander will be a physical wreck and the remainder of his life from excessive smoking of cigarettes.

Alexander is but twenty years of age and has been afflicted one year with what the physician says is tuberculosis of the bone in one of his feet caused by the use of cigarettes. It was found that operation was necessary and it was performed. The amputation was made just above the ankle. The ankle was found to be almost a honeycomb.—The Times.

Read This.

Grand meeting of the Planters' Protective Association of Livingston county, and a big barbecue will be held at the Hampton camp ground on Saturday, Sept. 14. Hon. J. B. Allen, of Tennessee, Hon. Chas. C. Grassham, of Paducah, and Capt. W. J. Stone will address the public in behalf of the farmers. Refreshments will be served on the ground. Everybody invited.

J. Trace Hardin,
R. M. Threlkeld,
W. H. Wood.

THE PHILIPPINES AT HOME

Twenty-five Savages from the Philippines to be Exhibited at the State Fair.

A glimpse of the Philippines at home—a typical Igorrote Village, 25 primitive wild people living just as they are found today in the almost impassable mountains of northern Luzon—is the rare treat which is promised the visitors to our State Fair this fall.

The results of the United States' war with Spain is now a matter of history known to every schoolboy, yet few people can realize that there are over 2,000 islands in the group inhabited by many strange people speaking many different languages and having a diversity of customs.

The Igorrote Village will exhibit with some detail the actual life of one of the primitive peoples found among the mountains 300 miles north of Manila. The natives will be found living in their straw-thatched huts, manufacturing their spears, headaxes, and pottery, weaving cloth and making pipes. Sham battles, spear throwing, making fire by friction, and many other features of their tribal life will amuse and entertain both old and young.

The Igorrote is an eater of dogs, a hunter of human heads, and a pagan in religion, yet he is very likable in character and is noted for his honesty, industry and good humor.

The little brown people should not be neglected by those who wish to see man in his primitive simplicity.

Mrs. Love Retires From Business.

I have sold my stock of millinery to Mrs. Annette K. Jackson, of Hickman, Ky., who will continue business at the same stand (the Loving building.) Mrs. Jackson has been trimming for J. Goldsmith & Sons of Memphis for the past three seasons and is an experienced trimmer. The new firm has named the establishment "The Novelty" and from now it will be known by that name. I wish to thank the people of Marion and Crittenden county for their liberal patronage and hope you will continue same to my successor. I will remain with Mrs. Jackson as saleslady and will be glad to see my friends at any time. Yours truly,
Mrs. ZULA E. LOVE.

Fifty Men Lose Life In River.

Montreal, Can., Aug. 29.—A message was received from Quebec reports that the new bridge, under construction five miles below that city, collapsed late this afternoon and scores of workmen were thrown into the river.

A steamer, with thirty doctors and newspaper men, left Quebec at 8:15 o'clock tonight for the scene of the disaster and the reported loss of life is over fifty.

Nearly half of the bridge, beginning at the south shore, fell into the river.

The bridge was about a mile and a half long and was nearly finished.

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